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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Amos B. Smith, III et als.

Serial No. 09/841,951

Filed: April 25, 2001

For: NEW SOLUTION AND SOLID PHASE
SYNTHESIS OF PYRROLINONES
AND POLYPYRROLINONES

Group Art Unit: 1639

Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

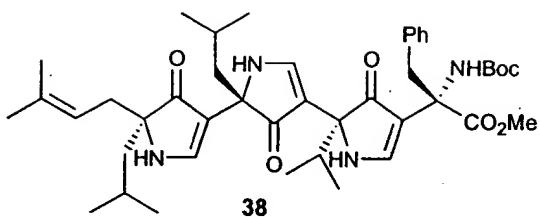
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ELECTION OF GROUP I - IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

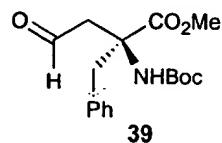
The Applicants herein request the Examiner to enter the Amendment of March 11, 2003 (Paper No.7). As stated in that response the Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I.

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003, as requested by the Examiner, the Applicants set forth, as follows, nine (9) species which are elected herein and represent a single species from each of the nine (9) subgroups of Group I (claims 1-7) as set forth by the Examiner.

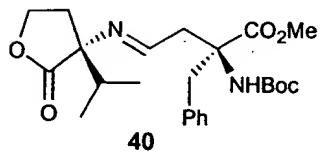
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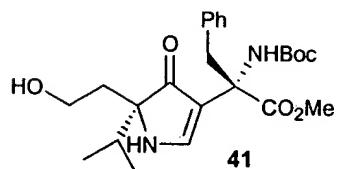
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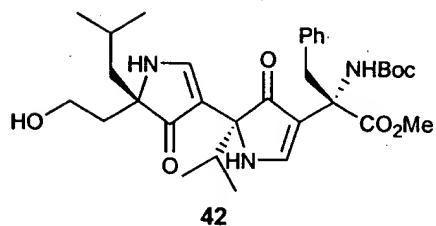
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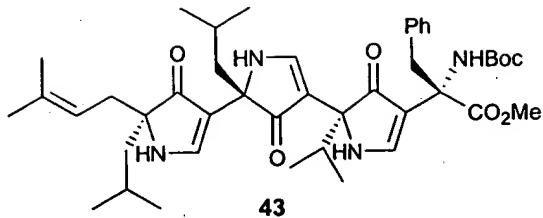
Subgroup 4:



Subgroup 5:



Subgroup 6:



Subgroup 7:

The oxidant in step (c) is oxalyl chloride, Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), and 1,8-Diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene (DBU).

Subgroup 8:

The species of crown-ether used in step (b) is 18-crown-6.

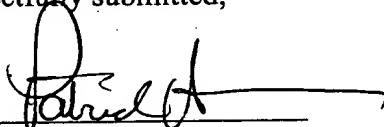
Subgroup 9:

The species of base used in step (b) is Potassium bis(trimethylsilyl)-amide (KHMDS)

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Early action on the merits of this case is courteously solicited. Early action toward this end is courteously solicited. The Examiner is kindly encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite any detail of the prosecution. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,



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